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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,050,000 head as of August 1, 2000. The latest inventory was up 9 percent from a year earlier but down 4 percent from July 1, 2000. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 220,000 head of fed cattle during July. This was down 4 percent from both last year and June 2000 marketings of 230,000 head. An estimated 185,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during July, 6 percent above July 1999 and 23 percent above June 2000 placements of 150,000. Of the number placed in July, 12 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 16 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 39 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 32 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for July, at 5,000 head, was 5,000 head below June's 10,000 head disappearance and the same as a year ago.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.18 million head on August 1, 2000. The inventory was 11 percent above August 1, 1999 and 13 percent above August 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.92 million, 6 percent above 1999 but 1 percent below 1998. Net placements were 1.87 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 424,000, 600-699 pounds were 366,000, 700-799 pounds were 597,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998. July 2000 had one less slaughter day than July 1999, which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings. Other disappearance totaled 44,000 during July, 15 percent below 1999 and 12 percent below 1998.

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Cattle on feed August 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.81 million, up 12 percent from the previous year and 14 percent above August 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.67 million, 7 percent above 1999 but slightly below 1998. Marketings during July totaled 1.78 million, 2 percent below 1999 but 2 percent above 1998. July 2000 had one less slaughter day than July 1999, which limited slaughter and affected the year-to-year relationship for marketings. Other disappearance during July was 37,000 head, 14 percent below 1999 and 10 percent below 1998.

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